Mr. C. V. Antony.—Will the Hon'ble Member point out the promise in the Council Proceedings?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—If it is pointed out, may I know whether it will be followed?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—First of all I must see whether there is such a promise. Then only I can say whether I can act up to it or not.

License for temporary liquor shops.

65. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how may licenses for opening temporary liquor shops have been given this year ;

(b) for what occasions and at what places these were granted ;

(c) what is the reason for granting them in spite of the fact that motions had been passed by the Legislative Council that no such licenses should be granted ;

(d) what is the amount realised from granting these shops ?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—(a) Thirty-six.

(b)	i	Harvest. Trichur	11
		do Mukundapuram	1
		do Kanayannur	2
	ii.	Cranganur Bharani	10
	iii.	Tirvilluamala Ekadesi	1
	iv.	Malayattur church festivals	2

(c) The special shops are allowed merely to safe-guard Governmentrevenue and to prevent illicit manufacture and illicit import of liquor from foreign countries as the occasions for which they are granted will clearly show. The number of shops granted this year is less than that of last year by 11, and these were granted in most cases after a personal inspection by the Excise Superintendent and after he was satisfied as to their necessity.

(d) Rs. 277—0—0.

Steps taken for absolute prohibition of drink.

66. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.** — Will the Government be pleased to state what effective steps have been taken in the year 1104 to reach the goal of 'Absolute prohibition' in the years to come ?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—Eleven toddy and 7 arrack shops were abolished in the year 1104. The duty on arrack was raised from Rs. 4-11-0 and Rs. 8-7-0 in 1103 to Rs. 5-0-0 and Rs. 8-12-0 respectively in 1104 in the Southern and Northern Taluks. The rate of

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